



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Request for catch data and infractions reports for the 2014 season

This Circular invites Contracting Governments to submit information on catch data and infractions reports for the 2014 season to the Secretariat by **Friday 8 May 2015**.

Article IX.4 of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) states that Contracting Governments shall transmit to the Commission full details of each infraction including a statement of measures taken and penalties imposed.

In the past information on the catches taken during the previous season (as listed under Section VI of the Schedule) and details of any infractions has been requested by the Secretariat each year ahead of the Commission's annual meeting.

The Commission has recently moved to biennial meetings. However, the Secretariat would like to encourage the continued annual submission of catch data and infractions reports.

The Infractions Sub-committee has adopted a form and checklist for reporting infractions, including reporting details of any infractions committed in previous years that remain unresolved. The form and checklist are attached, and they are also available on IWC's website at: <http://iwc.int/infractions>

While use of the form is not compulsory, Contracting Governments must fulfil their reporting obligations under Article IX.4 of the Convention.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cherry Allison at the Secretariat (Cherry.Allison@iwc.int).

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